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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORTS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORTS FROM
THE BUREAUS. EB AND PM DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

AF-TALCOTT W. SEELYE, ACTING

AMBASSADOR SPIRO'S CALL - HERB SPIRO HAS BEEN DOING
"MISSIONARY" WORK ON THE HILL WITH REGARD TO MARSHALING
CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR AN INCREASE IN OUR AID PROGRAM
TO THE CAMEROON. SPIRO ALSO HOPES THAT WE WILL PROVIDE A
POSITIVE RESPONSE TO A CAMEROONIAN REQUEST FOR MODEST
MILITARY ASSISTANCE. SINCE AHIDJO, CAMEROON'S PRESIDENT,
HAS CREATED A STABLE AND MODERATE REGIME IN CAMEROON AND
IS SURROUNDED BY SOME UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBORS, IT IS CERTAIN-
LY IN OUR INTERESTS TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS WE CAN TO
CAMEROON'S ECONOMIC AND MILITARY NEEDS. AF IS FOLLOWING
UP.

VISIT BY WASHINGTON AN-NAHAR CORRESPONDENT - THE WASHING-
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TON CORRESPONDENT OF LEBANON'S MOST SOLID AND MODERATE
NEWSPAPER, AN-NAHAR, VISITED ME IN CONNECTION WITH MY
RECENT LEBANESE ROLE. MALOUF, WHO IS A CHRISTIAN, BE-
LIEVES THAT THERE IS A TREND IN THE ARAB WORLD TOWARD

INCREASING ISLAMICIZATION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CHRISTIANS AND HE BLAMES MARONITE BEHAVIOR IN LEBANON FOR A GOOD DEAL OF THIS. HE ALSO DEPLORES THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE ONLY TWO FREE SOCIETIES IN THE ARAB WORLD, LEBANON AND NOW, KUWAIT, WHOSE PARLIAMENT HAS JUST BEEN SHUT DOWN AND WHOSE PRESS HAS RECENTLY BEEN PLACED UNDER STRICTER CONTROL.

MEETING WITH BLACK BISHOP - I MET WITH BISHOP G. DONALD MING AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AN INFLUENTIAL BLACK AMERICAN DENOMINATION WITH A LONG TRADITION OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. BISHOP MING HAS RECENTLY BEEN ASSIGNED AS BISHOP TO SOUTH AFRICA BUT WAS REFUSED A VISA BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. I AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

MEETING WITH AUSTRALIAN MINISTER - I MET WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY MINISTER PHILIP J. FLOOD AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS OUR CURRENT EFFORTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. FLOOD'S PRINCIPAL INTEREST WAS IN ASCERTAINING WHETHER NAMIBIA OR A RHODESIA SETTLEMENT HAD HIGHER PRIORITY. I REPLIED THAT WHILE DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA ARE MORE ACUTE, AT THIS JUNCTURE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM APPEARS TO OFFER BETTER PROSPECTS FOR RESOLUTION.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE.

ARA - LUERS, ACTING

SHLAUDEMAN -- HARRY LEFT FOR GUATEMALA TODAY. HE WILL VISIT ALL FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND OPEN THE LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE BEFORE HE RETURNS NEXT WEDNESDAY.

ARGENTINA -- THE ARGENTINE CHARGE CAME IN TODAY TO SAY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON DURING THE DAY ON OCTOBER 6 TO REMOUNT THE STATUE OF SAN MARTIN. THE ARGENTINES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WORKING LUNCH WITH
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YOU. WE TOLD THEM YOU WOULD NOT BE IN TOWN BUT THAT WE WOULD DEFINITELY WORK SOMETHING OUT.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES

NONE

EA - ARTHUR W. HUMMEL, JR.

MEETING WITH PEACE CORPS DIR DELLENBACK. PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR JOHN DELLENBACK CALLED ON ME TODAY FOR A DISCUSSION OF PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS IN EA. I MENTIONED OUR INTEREST -- SHARED

BY AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND -- IN EXPANDED ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ACTIVITY IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. WE ALSO WENT OVER CURRENT PEACE CORPS PROBLEMS IN THE REGION, WHICH ARE FEW AND MINOR, AND AGREED ON MEANS OF STRENGTHENING LIAISON BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE STAFFS.

CALL BY CHAIRMAN BURNS. CHAIRMAN ARTHUR F. BURNS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD CALLED TO REQUEST BRIEFINGS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO PEKING AS A GUEST OF AMBASSADOR GATES.

MEETING WITH INSPECTION TEAM. I MET WITH STANLEY CARPENTER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INSPECTION TEAM PRIOR TO THEIR INSPECTION OF HONG KONG AND PEKING.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NEGATIVE.

EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN

TURKEY: I BRIEFLY SAW ESENBEL AFTER THE SFRC HEARINGS TODAY ON THE TURKISH DCA. I TOLD HIM I UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS MINISTER WOULD BE MAKING A NUMBER OF PERSONAL APPEARANCES IN THE UNITED STATES LATER THIS MONTH AND IT WOULD HELP US A GREAT DEAL IF THE MINISTER DURING THOSE APPEARANCES COULD GIVE SOME INDICATION OF THAT WELL-KNOWN TURKISH QUALITY, FLEXIBILITY.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE: I SAT NEXT TO GREEK NATO SECRET

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PERMREP THEODOROPOLIS TODAY AT LUNCH, WHO IS HERE WITH LUNS AND THE OTHER PERMREPS. THEODOROPOLIS WILL RETURN TO ATHENS SHORTLY TO BECOME SECRETARY GENERAL OF THEIR FOREIGN OFFICE (STRAUSZ-HUPE TELLS ME HE IS A VERY REASONABLE FELLOW AND VERY PRO-NATO.) I TOLD THEODOROPOLIS WE THOUGHT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WAS DRAGGING ITS FEET IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID AFTER HE RETURNS TO ATHENS HE SHOULD INFORM HIMSELF ON THIS BECAUSE SUCH A POSITION DOES NOT HELP TO IMPROVE RELATIONS IN THAT AREA.

I AM REPORTING SEPARATELY MY MEETINGS WITH SWEDISH AMBASSADOR WACHMEISTER AND YUGOSLAV CHARGE PETKOVIC.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE.

NEA - ATHERTON.

1. DURING A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH ME AFTER CHUCK ROBINSON AND I MET SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AT THE AIRPORT, SAUD RAISED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF PENDING ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION ON U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONS. I EXPLAINED THE ADMINISTRATION POSITION AGAIN

TO HIM BUT SAID IT APPEARED THAT, DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS, THERE WOULD BE SOME NEW LEGISLATION. SAUD SAID THAT THOSE PRESSING THIS ISSUE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT IT WOULD NOT ONLY AFFECT ADVERSELY U.S. COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN SAUDI ARABIA BUT COULD GENERATE REACTIONS IN THE ARAB WORLD WHICH WOULD AFFECT OIL. HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT THIS IMPLIED. I SAID I HOPED SAUDI ARABIA WOULD CONTINUE NOT TO REACT PRECIPITATELY WHILE WE CONTINUED TO WORK ON THE PROBLEM AND ANALYZED WHAT THE ACTUAL EFFECT WOULD BE OF WHATEVER LEGISLATION EMERGED.

2. THE INDIAN DCM, VENKATESWARAN, CALLED ON ME TODAY TO RAISE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. HE FIRST ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT IN OPPOSING THE INSCRIPTION BY BANGLADESH OF AN ITEM ON THE UNGA AGENDA REGARDING INDIA'S DIVERSION OF GANGES WATERS AT THE FARAKKA BARRAGE. I SAID THAT WE DO NOT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE OPPOSE THE INSCRIPTION OF ITEMS ON THE UNGA AGENDA AND WOULD GO ALONG IN THIS CASE ON INSCRIPTION, WHILE RESERVING OUR POSITION ON THE
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SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE UNTIL WE SEE HOW THE MATTER DEVELOPS AT THE UNGA. WE HAD, AS THE INDIANS KNEW, CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PROBLEM COULD BE SETTLED AMICABLY IN A BILATERAL CONTEXT.

SECONDLY, VENKATESWARAN HANDED US AN AIDE-MEMOIRE ASKING FOR OUR SUPPORT FOR THE CANDIDACY OF DR. GOPAL TO THE FORTY-MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNESCO. I REITERATED OUR POSITION THAT WE WOULD BE GUIDED BY THE CONSENSUS OF THE ASIAN GROUP TO WHICH INDIA BELONGS. I TOOK THIS OCCASION TO INDICATE OUR HOPE THAT THE GOI WOULD SUPPORT THE REQUEST OF ISRAEL TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE EUROPEAN REGION OF UNESCO, NOTING THAT THIS QUESTION WOULD BE DECIDED AT THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NAIROBI NEXT MONTH. VENKATESWARAN SAID THAT INDIA HAD BEEN REASONABLE REGARDING MATTERS RELATING TO ISRAEL AND WOULD INFORM NEW DELHI OF OUR REQUEST.

LASTLY, VENKATESWARAN WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR HAVING GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM TO MR. JETHMALANI, A PROMINENT INDIAN JURIST AND CRITIC OF

INDIRA GANDHI'S EMERGENCY. I REPLIED THAT, ONCE AN INDIVIDUAL FILES AN APPLICATION FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM, OUR LAWS, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES REQUIRE US TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST ON ITS MERITS. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WE CONCLUDED THAT JETHMALANI HAD MADE A "CREDIBLE CASE" AND SO INFORMED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

3. THE BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR CALLED TO PRESENT THEIR CASE FOR INSCRIBING THE FARAKKA BARRAGE QUESTION AT THE

UNGA. I REITERATED OUR POSITION ON INSCRIPTION, FOR WHICH HE EXPRESSED THANKS, AND SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO STUDY THE MATTER IN LIGHT OF THE WAY IT DEVELOPED IN NEW YORK BEFORE TAKING ANY POSITION ON SUBSTANCE. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION AS TO WHAT BANGLADESH HOPED TO GET OUT OF UNGA CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THEIR MAIN CONCERN WAS TO FOCUS WORLD ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEM SINCE THEIR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE IT THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BANGLADESH WAS INTERESTED IN SOLVING THE SECRET

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PROBLEM, NOT IN MAKING POINTS IN THE UN, AND REITERATED EARLIER REQUESTS FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE TO HELP RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

H - KEMPTON B. JENKINS (ACTING)

1. TURKISH DCA. THE LONG-SOUGHT SFRC HEARING ON THE TURKISH DCA TOOK PLACE TODAY AND WAS AS SUCCESSFUL AS IT POSSIBLY COULD HAVE BEEN. SPARKMAN, CASE AND JAVITS WERE ALL SUPPORTIVE, WHILE PELL WAS THE SOLE CRITIC TO PARTICIPATE. SPARKMAN OPENED WITH A STRONG ENDORSEMENT AND WAS FOLLOWED BY CASE WHO EMPHASIZED THE URGENCY AND NEED FOR THE DCA TO REVERSE THE DETERIORATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH TURKEY. PELL THEN PRESENTED A SHORT, SHRILL, EXAGGERATED STATEMENT OPPOSING ANY AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY. HE INCLUDED A CHARGE THAT THE U.S. HAD SUPPLIED PERSHINGS TO TURKEY (A CHARGE WHICH ELLSWORTH FROM DOD WAS ABLE TO CATEGORICALLY DENY, POINTING OUT THAT THERE ARE NO PERSHINGS IN TURKEY.)

CASE, IN THE Q & A PERIOD, EMPHASIZED THE ENORMOUS SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION. HE DREW OUT MACOMBER ON THE INTERNAL TURKISH POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE ATTRACTIONS OF NEUTRALISM WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY BE STRENGTHENED IN TURKEY IF THE SENATE FAILS TO ACT.

IN A SUBSEQUENT CLOSED SESSION -- A CIA/NSA BRIEFING WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY SPARKMAN -- CASE AND JAVITS SPELLED OUT IN DETAIL THE INTELLIGENCE VALUE OF THE BASES. THE ATTENDING SENATORS AND STAFFERS WERE CLEARLY DEEPLY IMPRESSED.

WHILE WE ARE NOT, OF COURSE, GOING TO HAVE SENATE ACTION ON THE DCA BEFORE THE ADJOURNMENT, WE HAVE NONETHELESS ENDED THIS SESSION WITH A DECIDEDLY UPBEAT EFFORT WHICH SHOULD MAKE GOOD READING IN ANKARA. PRINCIPAL THANKS FOR THIS RESULT MUST GO TO CASE AND HIS STAFFER STEVE BRYEN.

PAT HOLT TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE, TOO, THOUGHT
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THE TURKEY HEARINGS HAD BEEN IMPRESSIVE AND THAT,
AS THINGS NOW STAND, THE COMMITTEE HAS NO INTENTION
OF HAVING ANY ADDITIONAL HEARINGS; HE WARNED, HOWEVER,
THAT THE GREEK-AMERICAN LOBBY HAS ALREADY WRITTEN
REQUESTING HEARINGS. THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD, HOLT SAID,
THAT HEARINGS WILL BE RESUMED AFTER JANUARY.

PRIOR TO THE SFRC HEARING, SENATOR JAVITS HOSTED (AT
OUR SUGGESTION) AN EARLY MORNING COFFEE FOR NATO SECRETARY
GENERAL LUNS WHO PRESENTED A SOUND CASE FOR APPROVAL OF
THE TURKISH DCA. IN ATTENDANCE WITH JAVITS WERE SPARK-
MAN, GRIFFIN, NUNN, MATHIAS, BARTLETT, CASE AND LEAHY.

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2. FY 77 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL.
AFRICA. WITH MINIMUM DEBATE THE APPROPRIATIONS CON-
FEREES HAVE APPROVED ALL OUR REQUESTS ON AFRICA: 20
MILLION FOR ZAMBIA, 20 MILLION FOR ZAIRE, 14 MILLION
FOR BOTSWANA AND REGIONAL TRAINING. IN ADDITION, THE
CRANE AMENDMENT IN THE HOUSE VERSION PROHIBITING AID
FOR MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA WAS ELIMINATED. LIKEWISE,
THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND WAS PROVIDED THE 10
MILLION REQUESTED.
SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE. THE CONFEREES
APPROPRIATED \$1,734.75 MILLION FOR SECURITY SUPPORTING
ASSISTANCE, ENOUGH TO MEET OUR PRIORITY PROGRAMS,
INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST PACKAGE: \$735 MILLION FOR
ISRAEL, \$700 MILLION FOR EGYPT, \$80 MILLION FOR SYRIA
AND \$70 MILLION FOR JORDAN.
THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PRIOR
APPROVAL. THE \$375 MILLION REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS
APPROVED. THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE OTHER BANKS IS
STILL AT ISSUE AND HAS BEEN HELD OVER UNTIL THE
CONFEREES REASSEMBLE, PROBABLY TOMORROW. ALSO AT
ISSUE IS THE QUESTION OF "PRIOR APPROVAL." PASSMAN
IS DEMANDING THAT THE SENATE YIELD TO A COMPROMISE
THAT WOULD REQUIRE ONLY "PRIOR NOTIFICATION."
URUGUAY. ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE, KOCH PRESERVED HIS
AMENDMENT. ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO URUGUAY IS
PROHIBITED BY THE NEW BILL.

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3. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION - EXPORT ADMINISTRATION
ACT. BY A VOTE OF 9-6 THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE
AGREED TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPORT

ADMINISTRATION ACT. IT IS LIKELY TO COME TO THE FLOOR TOMORROW OR FRIDAY. IT INCLUDES NOT ONLY THE BINGHAM/ROSENTHAL ANTI-BOYCOTT PROVISIONS BUT ALSO THE ZABLOCKI/FINDLEY AMENDMENT PLACING RESTRICTIONS ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS. CHANCES OF WINNING ON THE HOUSE FLOOR ARE REMOTE. OUR BEST HOPE IS TO TRY TO DEFANG THE BILL IN CONFERENCE. ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUES, THE SENATE BILL HAS ONLY A HORTATORY STEVENSON AMENDMENT EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS. SO IT IS POSSIBLE WE CAN GET AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE IN CONFERENCE ON THAT SCORE. ON THE ANTI-BOYCOTT ISSUE, OUR ONLY CHANCE FOR IMPROVEMENT OVER THE BINGHAM/ROSENTHAL PROVISION IS IN CONFERENCE WHERE CHANCES FOR GETTING THE HOUSE TO RECEDE TO THE LESS ONEROUS STEVENSON LANGUAGE APPEAR FAIRLY GOOD.

4. BRIBERY LEGISLATION. THE SENATE TODAY PASSED THE PROXMIRE ANTI-BRIBERY BILL BY A VOTE OF 86-0 AFTER TABLING THE CONTROVERSIAL CHURCH AMENDMENTS. THE MURPHY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS NEXT WEEK ON THE HOUSE-EQUIVALENT OF THE PROXMIRE BILL. STATE, COMMERCE AND TREASURY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TESTIFY. PROCEDURAL BLOCKS AS WELL AS DOC MORGAN'S THREAT TO REQUEST SEQUENTIAL REFERRAL OF THE BILL, SHOULD IT COME OUT OF COMMITTEE, APPEAR TO ASSURE THAT THE HOUSE WILL TAKE NO ACTION ON THE BILL THIS SESSION.

5. NUCLEAR CONTROLS. THERE NOW APPEARS TO BE LITTLE OR NO POSSIBILITY FOR ANY NUCLEAR CONTROL BILL TO BE ADOPTED IN THIS CONGRESS. AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR BAKER, SENATOR MANSFIELD HAS TAKEN THE ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS BILL, WHICH WE OPPOSE, OFF THE CALENDAR. WHILE IT COULD THEORETICALLY STILL COME UP NEXT WEEK, THIS IS VERY UNLIKELY, ACCORDING TO PASTORE. SIMILARLY, RIBICOFF, PERCY AND GLENN REMAIN SECRET

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OPPOSED TO KEY PROVISIONS IN THE PRICE/ANDERSON BILL WHICH THE JCAE ADOPTED YESTERDAY. WITH SUCH A STAND-OFF, THEREFORE, PASTORE SEES NO CHANCE OF ANY LEGISLATION THIS SESSION.

6. SYNTHETIC FUELS BILL. AT THE REQUEST OF THE WHITE HOUSE, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. THE PRESIDENT ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO ITS ADOPTION IN THE HOUSE, WHERE, AT PRESENT READING, THE VOTE IS VERY CLOSE. IT IS DUE TO COME TO THE HOUSE FLOOR TOMORROW OR FRIDAY. WITH FAVORABLE HOUSE ACTION, SENATE APPROVAL IS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW RELATIVELY EASILY.

7. PHILIPPINE HUMAN RIGHTS HEARING. TOM JONES OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TOLD CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY THAT THE PHILIPPINES HAS A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. JONES OUTLINED CASES OF TORTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S TORTURE (IN 1972) AND CONTINUED DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGE OF AMERICAN CITIZEN AUGUST LEHMAN. (LEHMAN HAS BEEN HELD FOR 4 YEARS IN CONNECTION WITH AN ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST MARCOS.) JONES WAS A VERY CONVINCING WITNESS WITH WELL DOCUMENTED CASES OF TORTURE OBTAINED DURING VISITS TO PHILIPPINE PRISONS IN DECEMBER 1975.

8. PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TODAY APPROVED THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION TO THE UN AND OAS CONVENTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. CHAIRMAN RODINO'S SPONSORSHIP OF THE BILL, TOGETHER WITH SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HUNGATE'S EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY, SUPPORTED BY MCCLORY, WIGGINS AND DANIELSON, PREVENTED THE BILL FROM BEING RECOMMITTED ON A MOTION BY MS. HOLTZMAN. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO BRING ABOUT HOUSE FLOOR ACTION NEXT TUESDAY.

9. NOMINATIONS. THE SENATE TODAY CONFIRMED THE NOMINATIONS OF: BOSTER (GUATEMALA), DICKMAN (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES), CRIGLER (RWANDA), KATZ (EB), BYRNE (MALI), PALMER (TOGO), JAMES (NIGER), WELLS (GUINEA-
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BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE), STOESEL (FRG).

10. ON TAP: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

--PHIL HABIB WILL TESTIFY BEFORE THE HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARMS SALES TO IRAN.

--THE CLARK SUBCOMMITTEE WILL HEAR TESTIMONY ON U.S. POLICY AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

--THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE WILL HEAR TESTIMONY ON SOVIET ACTIONS IN CUBA.

--THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE WILL ALSO HEAR TESTIMONY ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA.

IO- TOUSSAINT, ACTING

PRE-UNGA BILATS

TODAY SAW COMPLETION OF TWO OF FOUR PRE-GA BILATERALS WE HAVE SCHEDULED IN NEW YORK THIS YEAR--BRITISH AND CANADIANS. BILATERALS WITH SOVIETS ARE SET FOR

SEPTEMBER 17 AND WITH FRENCH ON SEPTEMBER 24. TALKS WITH BRITISH AND CANADIANS WERE USEFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF GA AGENDA AND ALL AGREED ON ADVANTAGES OF HOLDING THESE BILATERALS IN NEW YORK, WHERE RESPECTIVE MISSIONS CAN BE INVOLVED, RATHER THAN IN CAPITALS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

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- GEORGE H. ALDRICH, ACTING

-- I PARTICIPATED IN THE CONTINUING MEETINGS OF THE U.S.- POLISH JOINT TRADE COMMISSION.

-- I REVISED AND SIGNED THE QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD CONCERNING QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITIES WHICH IS REQUIRED BY E.O. 11905.

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-- FELDMAN CONSULTED WITH MR. ROBINSON AND ADVISED SENATOR TOWER'S STAFF THAT THE DEPARTMENT OPPOSED SENATOR CHURCH'S AMENDMENTS TO THE PROXMIRE BRIBERY BILL WHICH WOULD HAVE CALLED FOR SWEEPING DISCLOSURE OF ALL FOREIGN PAYMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON PAYMENTS MADE IN EACH COUNTRY OF THE WORLD. THE CHURCH AMENDMENTS WERE DEFEATED BUT THE PROXMIRE BILL MAKING BRIBES OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS A CRIME UNDER U.S. LAW WAS APPROVED BY THE SENATE. HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 21. MR. LEIGH HAS AGREED TO TESTIFY FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

-- FELDMAN CHECKED WITH ARA AND ADVISED MR. LEIGH THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO A JOINT U.S.-MEXICAN PRESS STATEMENT ANNOUNCING OUR INTENTION TO CONCLUDE A TREATY ON PRISONERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

-- FELDMAN MET WITH STAFF OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE UNESCO CULTURAL PROPERTY CONVENTION BY CONTROLLING THE IMPORTATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL OBJECTS ILLEGALLY MOVED FROM COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

-- SCHWEBEL REVIEWED THE RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GDR ON U.S. PROPERTY CLAIMS AND RELATED CABLES FROM AMBASSADOR COOPER, COMMUNICATED TO COUNSEL OF THE CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AT EUR'S REQUEST AMBASSADOR COOPER'S ADVICE THAT THE GDR IS WILLING TO MAKE A SYMBOLIC SETTLEMENT ON JEWISH CLAIMS AND THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD SEEK TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GDR COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER, AND TALKED WITH CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM ON PENDING LEGISLATION FOR FCSC ADJUDICATION OF

PROPERTY CLAIMS OF U.S. NATIONALS AGAINST THE GDR.
BINGHAM WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD
REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE CONFERENCE ON PASSAGES FOR THE
HIRC REPORT AND PROMISED THAT HE WOULD ENDEAVOR TO MOVE
THE LEGISLATION FORWARD RAPIDLY.

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